GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is making an attempt to sought assistance from Saudi Arabia keeping in view the massive shortage of resources in the field of higher education;

(b) if so, whether an Indian delegation had recently visited Saudi Arabia and Dubai to explore possibilities of mutual transactions in the field of higher education; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) & (c): A delegation led by Shri Arjun Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development had visited Saudi Arabia & UAE from 29th May to 6th June 2006 to expand relations with Saudi Arabia and UAE in the field of Education. The visit was very fruitful. Meetings were held with King of Saudi Arabia, the Education Minister of Saudi Arabia, Education Ministers of UAE and other important dignitaries. Various matters concerning collaboration in the field of Education and interaction between Institutions of India and Saudi Arabia and UAE were also discussed.